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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

1. ☒ The amendment filed on 29 July 2008 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

A phone call was made to Jon Stewart on 8/6/08 to discuss the 312 Amendment. The amendment to claim 11, line 3, is improper and was unintentional by the Applicant. To correct the problem, it was agreed that the Examiner disapprove the current 312 Amendment and then the Applicant file another 312 Amendment that is proper before the issue fee deadline

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